

SAN DIEGO COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION  
**CAMP BARRETT INSPECTION REPORT**  
2005

Facility Name:	CAMP BARRETT	Inspection Date:	6/16/2005
Superintendent:	James A. Seal	Last Inspection Date:	1/18/2004
Address:	21077 Lyons Valley Road	Telephone Number:	(619) 401-4906
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Type of Facility:	Juvenile Camp	Presiding Juvenile Court	
Judge:		Honorable Susan	
Huguenor			

Staff Interviewed:	Facility Capacity:	
Giullermo E. Burgess, Supervising P.O.	Total Bed Capacity:	96
Leilah Armour-Townsend, School Principal	Population on inspection date:	94
	Average Population:	96

Juvenile Justice Commission Chair:	William Apan	Commission Inspection Team:
		William Apan
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Comments and Recommendations:

Camp Barrett Facility is a prior adult institution and has been renovated to house juvenile wards. The camp is a minimum-security facility, which provides a sentencing option for placement of delinquent males aged 16½ to 19 years for a period of six months to one and a half years. The camp is located in a remote area and has complete perimeter fencing.

The San Diego County Office of Education administers the Rancho del Campo High School, certified Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade, and is attended by all wards at Camp Barrett. Medical and Mental Health services are provided by California Forensic Medial Group (CFMG).

Camp Barrett is administered by James Seal, Superintendent. His staff includes 39 sworn staff which includes: 3 Supervisors, 5 Senior Probation Officers; 9 CDPO II's; 21 CDPO I's. Support staff includes; 2 clerical staff; 1 General Services employee; 1 Warehouseman, 5 Cooks and 14 School Staff members.

The inspection team noted the general camp condition and operations was consistent with previous inspections. The inspection team noted the consistent theme amongst all staff members on site to provide a positive and atmosphere, to encourage wards to participate in various programs and to take accountability for their actions.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. During the winter of 2004 the site experienced significant rain. The site appears to have an increased weed population. Overall, the camp appeared to be free of litter and in average condition. The camp would benefit from continued landscaping efforts, utilizing natural and/or drought-resistant vegetation.
2. On the date of inspection, it was noted that the equipment was left randomly on benches and the concrete deck, which might result in accident/injury and may accelerate deterioration of the equipment. It is recommended a program for storing equipment not being utilized be considered.

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AREA REVIEWED:			
R= Reviewed	NR=Not Reviewed	I= Interviewed	NI - Not Interviewed
<u>QUALITY OF LIFE</u>	<u>PROGRAMS</u>	<u>PERSONS INTERVIEWED</u>	
Physical Plant - R	Education - R	Minors - NI	
Meals/Nutrition - R	Vocation/Employability - R	Superintendent	
- I			
Mental Health - R	Community Services - R	Medical/Pshyche. Staff	
- I			
Physical/Dental Health - R	Victim/Gang Awareness - R	School Staff - I	
Religious Services - R	Substance Abuse - R	Supervisor - I	
Volunteer Involvement - R	Other - NR	Supervisor Staff	
(Counselors) - NI			
Visiting - R		Food Services Staff - I	
Other - NR		Other - NR	

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

Has the facility exceeded capacity since the last inspection?

No. Total capacity is 96 wards. Staff reports the typical population is 96 wards. On the date of inspection the camp population was 94 wards.

Does the facility house minors under Section 601 Welfare & Institutions Code?

No. Juvenile Ranch Facility houses only §602 Welfare & Institutions Code offenders.

#### SINCE THE LAST INSPECTION INDICATE:

Number of Suicides: 0

Number of Attempted Suicides: 0

Number of Deaths from other causes: 0

Number of Escapes: 0

Number of attempted escapes: 0 in past 12 months, most recent escape attempt was April 2004.

Local Inspections: Title 15 Health Inspection: April '05  
 Fire Inspection: 2004

Date of Last Fire Drill: May 26, 2005

#### STAFFING

Staff to Child Ratio:

Awake hours ratio - 1 Staff representative for every 15 wards, at minimum.

Sleeping hours ratio - 1 Staff representative for every 30 wards.

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Communication In Language Minor can Understand?

Although all posters and printed material noted were in English, as well as all spoken communications, there was no apparent indication of ineffective or inhibited language/communications.

Diversity of Staff:

Diversity of Staff was not specifically addressed during the 2005 site inspection.

Staff/Minor Interactions:

Observed interactions between Staff and wards appeared relaxed and comfortable. Commands and instructions from Staff to wards appeared non-threatening.

Staff Interviews – Comments:

General comments reflected positive, supportive atmosphere, with emphasis on the fact that most Camp Barrett wards were nearing their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday and would be subject to the laws and penal system for adult offenders. Wards were encouraged to weigh options and to act based on a rational decision-making process.

#### CONDITIONS OF GROUNDS

Lawns, Playing fields, Blacktop, Asphalt and Other:

Camp Barrett is located in the East County, which has mountainous topography and experiences extreme summer and winter temperatures. In general, the facility has natural vegetation and has limited landscaping. During the winter of 2004, the site experienced significant rain. The site appears to have an increased weed population. Overall, the camp appeared to be free of litter and in average condition. The camp would benefit from continued landscaping efforts, utilizing natural and/or drought resistant vegetation.

#### EXTERIOR OF BUILDINGS

General condition, paint, roof, drains/gutters and etc.:

As noted, the most recent winter included more severe weather than what has been experienced in recent years. Roofs, drains and walkways appeared to be in proper working order. The buildings are old and some have more wear than others. Overall, the camp buildings appeared to be in average condition.

#### INTERIOR OF BUILDINGS

Walls, paint, floors, drains, plumbing fixtures, air vents, windows, etc.:

Overall, the interior of all buildings reflected long-term use of the facilities. There was limited graffiti noted. Dormitories appeared clean and functional. The school buildings (5 classrooms, Assessment Center Computer Lab and Reading Clinic) at Camp Barrett are newer and reflected much less wear. All buildings appeared to be clean, well ventilated and with proper climate control.

Are cleaning fluids and chemicals labeled and safely stored?

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Supplies are maintained in a secure building. Wards are not allowed to enter the building without staff supervision.

**Weapons Locker Location:**

Weapons locker area was not reviewed during 2005 inspection.

**Recreation/Sports Equipment:**

There is a covered, open-air exercise area, primarily dedicated to weightlifting. Equipment included benches, weights and bars. On the date of inspection, it was noted that the equipment was left randomly on benches and the concrete deck, which might result in accident/injury and may accelerate deterioration of the equipment.

**Are the hallways clear and doors propped open?**

Entrances, hallways, activity rooms and sleeping spaces appeared well maintained and free of obstructions.

**Court Holding Area:**

Not applicable to Camp Barrett.

**Sleeping rooms/dormitories:**

Dormitories and sleeping rooms appeared to be properly maintained, with climate control and good ventilation.

**Beds:**

All wards are assigned to bunk beds. The bottom bunks are a minimum of 12" above the floor.

**Art, books, personal possessions allowed in sleeping rooms?**

Wards are allowed to retain a limited amount of personal possessions in the facility, which is generally correspondence and toiletries. The sleeping areas have incentive posters and recreational reading material.

**Graffiti Present?**

A minimal amount of graffiti was noted during the inspection tour. Staff commented that there is an emphasis to prohibit graffiti and/or other gang indicators.

**Ample blankets?**

There appeared to be blankets on all beds, and staff said additional blankets are made available on request of a ward.

**Study Area:**

Study areas appeared to be orderly and well lighted. As noted, classrooms are of newer construction and design.

**Adequate Lighting?**

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All areas of the camp appeared to have adequate lighting.

Temperature:

The primary facility buildings, including all dormitories, are equipped with central air conditioning and forced air heating.

ORIENTATION OF MINORS

Are minors oriented to rules and procedures?

Upon arrival to the facility, all minors are introduced to the policies, rules and procedures by administrative staff. Further indoctrination takes place during the intake procedure and when wards are assigned to dorms. Many of the policies, rules and goals of the facility are conspicuously posted in dorms and study areas.

Are rules and grievance procedures posted?

Yes, the Grievance Form is available in all dorms, in well-marked dispensers. The grievance procedure is included in the indoctrination process.

Are rules and grievance procedures understood by minors?

Yes, Staff states that all wards are well versed in the grievance procedure.

Minors Interviewed – Comments

There were no interviews of minors conducted during the 2005 inspection.

MEALS/NUTRITION

Kitchen – Clean; are knives and chemicals locked?

The kitchen area appeared clean and properly maintained. Knives and chemicals are secured by staff; wards are not left unsupervised in the kitchen area.

Have the youths working in the kitchen been trained?

All wards working in the kitchen complete a brief State sanitation and safety training course; wards are not left unsupervised in the kitchen area.

Are meals served or cafeteria style?

The kitchen layout provides cafeteria-style food dispensing in an area adjacent to the dining room hall. Wards utilize a tray to contain their food, and then move into the dining hall where they have assigned table seating. Staff oversees the entire meal period.

Are minors permitted to converse during meals?

There is a quiet time in affect when getting food and entering the dining area. After all are seated, Staff may allow conversation at the table.

Is Staff present and supervising?

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Yes, as stated.

Is weekly menu prepared? Is it posted?

Menus are prepared by a Certified Nutritionist who oversees general menus as well as special diets for medical purposes.

Are servings ample, nutritious and appetizing?

The food service appears to be ample and nutritious. As in all institutions, food is a significant factor for all wards, given that there is no individuality of selection and there is little or no "fast food" or "junk food" consumed while in the facility.

Length of time allowed for eating?

Normal mealtime is twenty minutes, which appears to be sufficient time to consume the meals.

**PERSONAL APPEARANCE OF MINORS**

Appearance?

All wards observed had proper appearance; the clothing appeared clean and free of excessive worn spots, rips, tear and etc. Rules require wards to maintain certain standards, such as no excessive blousing of shirts, pants not too low on the hip, etc.

Showers – Frequency? Privacy maintained? Supervised by Staff? Any assaults in showers?

Showers are present in the dormitory areas for all wards. Shower facilities are communal, with minimal privacy for the individual. The reduced privacy allows staff adequate monitoring. Staff does not report a significant number of assaults in the shower area.

Condition of clothing – Does clothing fit? Is it appropriate to weather?

As noted previously, on the date of inspection all wards appeared to have clean, well-maintained clothing. On the inspection date, the weather was warm and all wards were dressed appropriately in t-shirt and trousers.

**PROGRAMS**

Recreation/Exercise – types and amount each day.

Every ward is provided a minimum of two hours of recreation per day. Wards receive one hour during school hours and a second hour during the afternoon period. There is generally more recreational time spent on weekends. Wards also participate in intramural sports with rewards for the winners to help promote sportsmanship; this is done on Saturdays.

Access to Religious Services?

All wards are entitled to attend religious services, when they are conducted. Religious services are scheduled weekly; however presently there are no Roman Catholic services available; Protestant services are available.

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**Volunteer Program:**

There is no volunteer program currently utilized at Camp Barrett.

**Camp Barrett Programming:**

Camp Barrett programs include Criminal Conduct and Substance Abuse Treatment, Aggression Replacement Treatment/Therapy, Life Skills (focuses on self-esteem, self-improvement and goal setting), Character Counts, Positive Peer Leadership and Conflict Management. Camp Barrett wards may also participate in AA/NA meetings, Community Service (work crews assisting American Red Cross and/or County Operations Road Crews. Additionally, Camp Barrett offers an occupational program for students in Fire Fighting (R.O.P.), providing Certificates of Competency in Basic Firefighting skills; Career Guidance and Lindamood-Bell improved reading and language comprehension; Teen Relationship Violence group (TRV); and Thinking for a Change (all wards go through the program). Camp Barrett also has a regular school program that offers GED and high school diplomas.

**DISCIPLINE OF MINORS**

**Frequency and type:**

Three (3) levels of discipline are employed at Camp Barrett. Staff reports the frequency of discipline is reflective of the population and consistent to other Juvenile Institutions.

**Number and Type:**

Discipline is administered in progressive levels at Camp Barrett. First with verbal commands and loss of certain free-time activities. If the behavior is not modified, the offender is issued an orange vest, which reflects disruptive behavior and results in loss of reward privileges utilized for motivation (movies, etc.). If the misbehavior continues, it will constitute a Rule Violation, which may result in extended time in camp, administrative removal, or program termination.

**TELEPHONE**

**Access:**

Telephones are located in the courtyard area, adjacent to the administration building. The public telephones are payphones and all telephone calls made are "collect" calls, wherein the recipient agrees to accept charges.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Is Postage Free? Is incoming and/or outgoing mail read? Is there confidential correspondence?

Incoming mail is scanned for contraband. Envelopes are removed from the letters. Staff allows as much confidentiality as possible to correspondence by the wards.

**VISITING**

Is there adequate space, convenient times or accommodations to parent work schedule, etc. special visits? Does staff supervise visits? Is there adequate privacy?

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Visitation is normally held in an outdoor picnic area. Staff oversees the visiting. Visitors are not permitted to give presents or any material to wards. The visiting hours are normally on Sunday afternoons, between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Authorized visitors are parents, grandparents, legal guardians or others pursuant to Court Order. Siblings are not allowed in an effort to minimize the negative impact of observing the ward in an institution and to prevent potential disruptiveness. Special visiting hours are arranged in the event there is an exceptional desire to see siblings or if the ward is a father and has visitation by family and child. Special visitations are normally conducted on Saturdays. Visitors are allowed to bring sodas (20 ounce maximum) in plastic containers and playing cards. Visitors are not allowed to bring books or any other items. The visiting area is outside the perimeter of Camp Barrett. All wards returning to the facility are subject to search before rejoining the population.

Have all minors had visits?

Staff reports that not all minors have received visits. The remote location of the facility, lack of viable transportation, or parent's immigration status is frequently given as reasons for lack of visitation by family members. Staff may refer to Probation Case workers instances where wards appear to lack family support.

**SCHOOL**

Teachers – Number of full-time; frequency of substitutions.

The Barrett High School, like Rancho del Campo High School, is administered by the San Diego County Juvenile Court and Community School District, under the administration of Principal Leilah Armour-Townsend. The curriculum is designed for male juveniles between 15 and 19 years of age. The older age of Camp Barrett wards results in a number of wards achieving their high school graduation while attending Barrett High School. During 2004–2005, there were 12 Student Graduates of the High School. Additionally, G.E.D. testing during 2004–2005 reflected at 99% passing rate. On-site school staff is as follows: Head Teacher (1); Special Education Teacher (1); Classroom Teachers (5); Literacy Teacher (1); Teachers Aides (2); Instructional Aide (1); Student Support Specialist (2); Clerical Assistant (1).

Number of minors in school/per classroom.

All wards who have not previously graduated from High School attend Barrett High School. On the date of inspection, all minors at Camp Barrett attended school.

Number of Minors on independent study:

On the date of inspection there were no wards assigned to independent study.

Atmosphere of classroom:

On the date of inspection students in classrooms were not observed. Class instructional periods average 50 minutes and classes are conducted five days a week between 8:00 a.m. and 2:15 p.m.

Adequate Supplies? Books, paper, computers, etc.

School supplies appeared to be adequate.

Activities and coursework:



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Class curriculum covers Language arts, Literacy/English Language Development; Mathematics, Science (Physical and Life), Social Science (History, Economics, and Civics), GED Preparation, and Computer applications.

Are minors required to do homework?

Minors are not generally given work to conduct in the dormitories.

Relationship between the Barrett High School and Camp Barrett staff.

On the date of inspection, there was an obvious atmosphere of shared respect and common goal to benefit the wards between all staff on site.

Weather and physical activities.

All the facilities on site are air-conditioned and the nurse will not allow wards to participate in any physical or outside activity if temperatures reach 95 degrees.

#### MEDICAL/MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Medical and Mental Health services are provided by California Forensic Medical Group (CFMG). The Nurses station appears to be well stocked and is staffed by RNs on a 7-day-a-week basis. There is a psychiatrist on site that does medical evaluations and distributes medication to those in need of it. Nursing staff administers and records psychotropic medication as well as tends to typical, non life-threatening 1<sup>st</sup> Aid and illnesses. Pediatricians under contract to CFMG visit the facility once a week to provide medical care for wards requiring a physician. They also have an on-site psychologist three days a week who is contracted through HHSA.

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